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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

CASE NO. 3:24-mj-05318

COMPLAINT for VIOLATION

Title 18 U.S.C § 2252(a)(4)(B), (b)(2)

DENNIS ROSS,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

Before the Honorable Theresa L. Fricke, United States Magistrate Judge, United States Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington.

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

#### **COUNT ONE**

# (Possession of Child Pornography)

Beginning on a date unknown but continuing until on or about December 12, 2023, in Lewis County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, DENNIS ROSS knowingly possessed, and attempted to possess, matter that contained any visual depiction—the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction was of such conduct—that was mailed and shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce and that was produced

using materials that had been so mailed and shipped and transported by any means, including by computer, and any visual depiction involved in the offense involved a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B) and 2252(b)(2).

And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following information:

I, Special Agent Kaleb Roberts, being duly sworn under oath, depose and say:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and have been since January 2020. I am currently assigned to the Seattle Division's Olympia Resident Agency. Since joining the FBI, I have been trained in interview and interrogation techniques, investigative techniques, legal concepts and evidence collection and preservation. In my duties as a special agent, I have been involved in investigations of transnational organized crime, violent gangs, international and domestic terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, public corruption, fraud, conspiracy, computer intrusion, human trafficking, and crimes against children. I have participated in the execution of search warrants involving child pornography, fraud, drug or computer related offenses, and the search of digital devices. I have conducted investigations into violations relating to child exploitation and child pornography, including violations pertaining to the illegal receipt and possession of child pornography, and material involving the sexual exploitation of minors in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252 and 2252A.
- 2. I am familiar with and have participated in a variety of investigative techniques including but not limited to surveillance, interviewing of witnesses/suspects, and the execution of search and seizure warrants that involved child exploitation and/or child pornography offenses, and the search and seizure of computers and other digital devices.

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3. The facts set forth in this Complaint are based on my own personal knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals participating in this investigation, including other law enforcement officers; review of documents and records related to this investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein; and information gained through my training and experience. I have not set forth all facts known to me as a result of this investigation but only those facts I believe necessary to establish probable cause to conclude that DENNIS ROSS committed the offense charged in this Complaint.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION**

- 4. In May 2010, DENNIS ROSS was convicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia of Receipt of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2). The Court sentenced ROSS to 5 years of imprisonment and a 25-year term of supervised release.
- 5. ROSS left Bureau of Prisons (BOP) custody in October 2014 and as required by Virginia law, began registering as a sex offender. In August 2018, U.S. Probation filed a petition alleging ROSS violated the terms of his supervision. ROSS absconded from supervision before that matter could be resolved.
- 6. In October 2022, the district court in the Eastern District of Virginia issued a warrant for ROSS's arrest for his failure to maintain current sex offender registration in violation of SORNA.
- 7. On December 12, 2023, federal agents arrested ROSS in Lewis County, Washington, after locating him at the home of his girlfriend's aunt, B.S.
- 8. After his arrest, B.S. told the investigating deputy marshal that she had a computer and hard drive ROSS used frequently while living at her home in Lewis County. She described ROSS as using that laptop all the time. B.S. provided these items to federal agents, and they applied for a search warrant in the Eastern District of Virginia. The initial crime under investigation was a violation of SORNA. But during the search, law

enforcement located suspected child sexual abuse material, stopped the search, and then applied for a second warrant to search for evidence of offenses related to child sexual abuse material.

- 9. The forensic examination of the laptop revealed the operating system was Windows 11 with the listed owner as Chuck Richardson. The most recent install/update date for the operating system was January 6, 2023. And the laptop was last shut down on December 14, 2023. Law enforcement also located significant electronic information suggesting ROSS was the person using the laptop, including:
  - Credit card information associated with an account ending 6065 and in the name of Dennis Ross.
  - Multiple invoices from GAMER2GAMER GLOBAL PTE LTD, a company based out of Singapore. These invoices were addressed to "dennis ross" at an address in Suffolk, VA.
  - Hotel invoices for two hotels in Maine reflecting stays in June and July 2022.
    Both invoices are to Dennis Ross with an address in Suffolk, VA.
  - The email account edcamino@outlook.com was also associated with the laptop. Among the email correspondence in this account was exchanges with GAMER2GAMER GLOBAL PTE LTD, Etsy, Norton LifeLock Inc., PayPal, and Hilton. The messages suggest someone named Dennis Ross was the person using the account.
  - 10. The manufacturer's label on the laptop showed it was made in China.
- 11. In addition, agents recovered approximately 150 images of suspected child sexual abuse material. I reviewed these images and described three below:

File 1: index29.jpg,

Last Modified Date: 11/15/2021

Last Accessed Date: 12/9/2023

Description: This image depicts a nude prepubescent female with an adult male vaginally penetrating her with his erect penis. Based on her youthful appearance, lack of pubic/body hair, and lack of pubic/muscular development, I estimate the child victim is between four and six years of age.

File 2: index9.jpg

Last Modified Date: 11/14/2021

Last Accessed Date: 12/9/2023

Description: This image depicts a prepubescent female wearing a cat costume and laying on a bed. The costume is pulled up, and an adult male is penetrating the child victim's vagina with his erect penis. Based on her small stature, lack of pubic/body hair, and lack of pubic/muscular development, I estimate the child victim is between five and six years of age.

File 3: index16.jpg

Last Modified Date: 11/14/2021

Last Accessed Date: 12/9/2023

Description: This image depicts a prepubescent female laying on a bed. An adult male penis is in her mouth, and another adult male is penetrating her vagina with his erect penis. Based on her youthful appearance, lack of pubic/body hair, and lack of muscular/pubic development, I estimate the child victim is between seven and eight years of age.

1 **CONCLUSION** 2 12. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that DENNIS ROSS committed the offense(s) charged in this Complaint. 3 4 Kaleb Roberts KALEB ROBERTS, Affiant 5 Special Agent, FBI 6 7 8 The above-named affiant provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the foregoing this 1st day of October, 2024. 9 10 hulsa L. Fricke 11 THERESA L. FRICKE 12 United States Magistrate Judge 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27